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TO: Rural Development State Directors

ATTN: Program Directors, Rural Development Managers,
Community Development Managers, and
State Environmental Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Environmental Review for Hotels, Motels, and Similar
Temporary Lodging Facilities

PURPOSE/INTENDED OUTCOME:

The purpose of this Administrative Notice (AN) is to clarify the requirements for environmental review of applications for funding of hotels, motels, and similar temporary lodging facilities under RD Instruction 1940-G.

COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS AN:

This AN replaces RD AN No. 4117 (1940-G), dated November 1, 2005, which expired on November 30, 2006.

IMPLEMENTATION:

To determine the appropriate level of environmental review, the preparer of the review will refer to RD Instruction 1940-G, §1940.311(b)(3). The list of facilities in this paragraph is illustrative and not exhaustive. The Agency considers motels, hotels, and similar temporary lodging facilities as single small sites which are not sources of substantial traffic generation, liquid or solid wastes, if they do not increase rooms over 25 percent of existing capacity or 25 new rooms, whichever is greater.

Expiration Date:
December 31, 2007

Filing Instruction:
Preceding RD Instruction 1940-G

Therefore, if a proposed action meets the above criteria, a Class I Environmental Assessment will be completed. If the proposed action exceeds these limitations, a Class II Environmental Assessment is required. If an action will increase the capacity by four or less rooms the environmental review will be treated as a categorical exclusion, in keeping with the intent of §1940.310 (b)(1).

If there are any questions regarding this AN, please contact your State Environmental Coordinator or Linda Rodgers, Technical Support Branch Chief, at (202) 720-9647, linda.rodgers@wdc.usda.gov or Eric Bradley, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (202) 205-8242, eric.bradley@wdc.usda.gov, Program Support Staff.